

John Alden (Jack) Williams, 92

Jack passed away at Bourne Manor Nursing Home on Aug. 3 at the age of 92. He was born June 29, 1925, to Frank and Ethel Williams of Peg Road, Duxbury (later known as Church Street). As a young man, he served as a volunteer fireman with the Duxbury Fire Department. He also served as a volunteer with the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, walking Duxbury Beach during World War II.

Jack worked for over 45 years at Protectowire in Pembroke, then worked several years at Ritchie Compass in Pembroke. He also served as manager/custodian of Tarkiln Youth Center for several decades.

Except for living about six years in Pembroke after getting married, Jack lived the majority of his life in Duxbury. In the 60s, after purchasing his childhood home from his father, Jack established the Williams Tree Farm, selling Christmas trees and providing green space for neighbors to utilize.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth L.(Betty) Williams whom he married on Feb. 14, 1954, and she passed away Aug. 12, 1995. He and Mom loved to dance and Jack continued dancing at Fred Astaire in Plymouth until shortly before his passing.

Jack is survived by his daughter, Susan (Williams) Purpura, and her husband, Philip, stepson Robert Parkman, stepdaughter Catherine Ranemn, grandchildren Deborah Ethington and Christopher Purpura, and great-grandchildren Aradia Krueger and Calista Ethington.

A service will be held Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the Shepherd Funeral Home, 216 Main St., Kingston, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Tree Farm System, found online at treefarmssystem.org.